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1. TWO ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN THE INDIAN PRESS
WHICH STRESS THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA'S TALKS
IN KABUL WILL FOCUS ON AFGHANISTAN'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS.
BOTH SUBHASH CHAKRAVARTI, IN THE JUNE 23 "TIMES OF
INDIA," AND G K REDDY, IN THE JUNE 22 "HINDU,"
SUGGEST THAT MEHTA HAS BEEN PRIMED TO DISCUSS WITH
THE AFGHANS THE RESULTS OF PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S
RECENT TALKS IN IRAN, THE UK AND THE US. THEY ALSO
REPORT THAT MEHTA WILL PREPARE THE GROUND FOR A VISIT
BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO
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COME TO KABUL.

2. CHAKRAVARTI, PERHAPS REFLECTING HIS PAPER'S
SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRC, WRITES OF AFGHANISTAN'S
INTEREST IN UNDERSCORING ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIA
AT A TIME WHEN CHINA AND PAKISTAN ARE CELEBRATING THEIR
FREIDNSHIP AND THE OPENING OF THE KARAKORAM HIGHWAY.HE

ALSO REPORTS THAT THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME "IS BELIEVED TO HAVE INFORMED INDIA THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ITS COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN THE COUNTRY, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY WHICH WOULD ACCORD SPECIAL PRIORITY TO REGIONAL COOPERATION." HE THINKS THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT REALIZES THAT "ANY PRECIPITATE TILT IN ITS EXTERNAL RELATIONS WOULD EXACERBATE COUNTER-ALIGNMENT OF FORCES TO ITS DETRIMENT."

3. REDDY NOTES THAT SINCE INDIA "HAS BEEN ADVISING OTHERS TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST RESTRAINT AND CAUTION IN ASSESSING THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN", MEHTA WILL BE IN A POSITION TO TALK FRANKLY TO THE AFGHANS ABOUT THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS AND WITH THE US AND THE USSR. REDDY ALSO REPORTS THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF MEHTA'S UPCOMING TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA, WHERE KING KHALID IS "KNOWN TO BE... WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE THE EXTENSION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE TO THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE REGION." BLOOD

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